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Application No.: 09/931,621) Examiner: Jose A. Fortuna
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For: OXIDIZED CELLULOSE-)
CONTAINING FIBROUS)
MATERIALS AND PRODUCTS)
MADE THEREFROM)

AMENDMENT AND REPLY TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In complete response to the Official Action [Restriction Requirement] issued April
1, 2003, please amend the subject application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel claims 1-21, without prejudice to or disclaimer of the subject matter
contained therein.

Please add the following new claims 22-45:

22. (New) A method of producing a cellulose-containing fibrous material,
comprising oxidizing hydroxy groups at the C(6) of glucose units of the cellulose into
aldehyde and carboxy groups with a nitroxy compound optionally in combination with a

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